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*U.S. News & World Report* ranked the University of Dayton's School of Engineering graduate program 64th in the nation in its annual ranking released last week.

This is the first *U.S. News* ranking for the UD School of Engineering, according to School of Engineering Dean Joseph Saliba.

UD's School of Engineering graduate program ranks second among all Catholic universities, behind Notre Dame. UD is third among Ohio universities, behind The Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University.

However, being ranked as a top engineering school or program is nothing new. According to 2007 National Science Foundation figures, UD is first among Catholic universities and in the top 30 among all universities in performing engineering research. UD is second in the nation in conducting materials research.

UD's graduate materials engineering program ranks third in the nation in the 2006-07 Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index. The survey of more than 200 research universities is based on faculty publications, citations, and financial and honorary awards.

"I feel extremely proud of the work of the faculty and department chairs. Their hard work is paying off," Saliba said. "The U.S. News ranking is the result of collaborations and research alignment with the University of Dayton Research Institute, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the UD College of Arts and Sciences."

U.S. News ranked UD ahead of Auburn University, the University of Tennessee, the University of North Carolina, the University of Kentucky and the University of Cincinnati, to name a few.

In the past few years, the UD School of Engineering has been busy helping set up centers of excellence and partnerships to educate and retain the region's bright minds and help Ohio's economy.

UD's Ladar and Optical Communications Institute (LOCI) established a curriculum dedicated to ladar technology to consolidate the brainpower of the region's ladar researchers and put ladar on the fast track to the battlefield and business.

A \$28 million State of Ohio Third Frontier Grant established the Institute for the Development and Commercialization of Advanced Sensor Technology (IDCAST) to bring remote sensor and sensor technology to market through collaborations among academia, the U.S. Air Force and industry.

UD's Center for Tissue Regeneration & Engineering at Dayton (TREND), which is led by the College of Arts and Sciences, aims to understand the basic biology of how damaged tissues and organs can regenerate.

The von Ohain Fuels & Combustion Center develops courses in fuels and combustion and conducts sponsored research. The center dedicated a new research laboratory and fuels testing facility last year to facilitate on-campus research in fuels and combustion, environmental engineering and bio-environmental work.

The School of Engineering is in the process of developing a master's degree in renewable energy in collaboration with the Air Force Institute of Technology and a master's degree in bioengineering.

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